

ORDINANCE NO. 14822

FILE OF CITY COUNCIL

BILL NO. 53 – 2010

INTRODUCED BY

SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

AN ORDINANCE

Amending the 2010 General Fund Budget to provide for a supplemental appropriation of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars as a result of a grant from the Eastern Pennsylvania EMS (Emergency Medical Services) Council to the City of Allentown Paramedics for equipment to enhance the readiness of our bureau's participation in the Regional Disaster Emergency Medical Services 'Strike Team'.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALLENTOWN:

SECTION ONE: That City Council authorizes an increase to the unappropriated balance of the General Fund in the amount of Five Thousand (\$5,000) Dollars reflecting receipt of grant funds.

SECTION TWO: That City Council authorizes a supplemental appropriation from the unappropriated balance of the General Fund in the following manner:

Police

Emergency Medical Services

000-04-0802-0015-72

Equipment

\$ 5,000

SECTION THREE: That this Ordinance will take effect ten (10) days after final passage.

SECTION FOUR: That all Ordinances inconsistent with the above provisions are repealed to the extent of their inconsistency.

	Yea	Nay
W. Michael Donovan	X	
Jeanette Eichenwald	X	
Julio A. Guridy	X	
Ray O'Connell	X	
Michael Schlossberg	X	
Peter G. Schweyer		
Michael D'Amore, President	X	
TOTAL	6	0

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was passed by City Council on October 6th and signed by the Mayor on October 11, 2010.

Michael P. Hawley
CITY CLERK

LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE:

- What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?
Department of Police, Bureau of Emergency Medical Services
- Summary and Facts of the Bill

The City is in receipt of funding from the PA Department of Health, Eastern EMS Council for the purpose of augmenting the equipment and training of Allentown EMS personnel (paramedics) that are active members of the regional disaster Strike Team. The Strike Team is a collaborative effort of an approved group of EMS organization across the eastern PA region that are committed to stand ready to serve in the event of a large scale disaster. This is a very important and visible effort that Allentown's paramedics are proud to be a part of.

- Purpose
 - What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish
 - What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this
 - How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities

This Bill will appropriate the funds into the individual line-items needed for the various expenditures.

- Financial Impact
 - Cost (Initial and ongoing):
State grant to the City totaling \$5,000.00.
 - Benefits (initial and ongoing)
Continued updating of equipment to maximize team readiness.

- Funding Sources
 - Make sure bill gives specific accounts if money is moved around
PA Department of Health, EMSOP funding, distributed by the Eastern PA EMS Council

- Priority status/Deadlines, if any
None

- Why should Council unanimously support this bill?
This funding will reduce the financial obligation to the City to keep this team up-to-date. The visibility of Allentown's participation in these events where punctuated two years ago when we sent a team to assist with the emergency evacuation efforts in New Orleans during Katrina. We stood ready during natural disaster events – Hurricanes Gustav and Ike. We are prepared to respond if needed in 2010.